# WORD FROM WYOMING



### Calendar of Events

- Town Council Special Meeting scheduled for June 10th @ 8:00 PM @ the Annex
- Town Council Meeting scheduled for July 14th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Sewer & Water Meeting scheduled for June 10th @ 7:00 PM
   @ CWSWA
- Planning & Zoning Meeting scheduled for June 10th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- Wyoming PD Fishing Derby scheduled for June 21st beginning at 10 AM.
- Tuesday Night Bingo at C-W Fire Company @ 7:00 PM.
- Recycling Pickup is every
  Tuesday; Trash Pickup is every
  Friday. Upcoming Yard Waste
  Pickups are, Tuesday, June 17th
  and Tuesday, July 1st. Upcoming
  Bulk Pickups will be on Friday, June 13th and Friday, June
  27th

### FISHING DERBY

The Wyoming Police Department will be hosting its' annual Fishing Derby on Saturday June 21st beginning at 10 AM. There will be prizes for all age groups and biggest fish caught. This year's prize for the biggest fish will be a kayak! All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a packed lunch; however, the Wyoming Police Department will be providing bottled All children under the age of water. 16 are welcome. Come and enjoy a safe, fun-filled event with your child. For more information contact Town Hall or PFC Creech.

### PARK ORDINANCE

With the park reopening soon we would like to feature our park ordinance this month.

Synopsis: This ordinance enacts a new ordinance that consolidates the original ordinance regulating the Town of Wyoming Park, and the amendments thereto, into one ordinance. No substantive changes to the original ordinance (as amended) have been made by this ordinance, with the exception of reference to the Parks Commission and Parks Commissioners being removed and replaced with references to the Town Council (since the Parks Commission no longer exists).

You can review the ordinance in it's entirely in this newsletter.

# W. REILY BROWN WAX MUSEUM

Mayor Rife attended W. Reily Brown's 16th Annual Wax Museum on June 6th. Approximately 98 children participated in the "museum." Those represented in the museum ranged from Julius Caesar (100 BC) to Michelle Obama (1964), with the likes of Abraham Lincoln (1809), Babe Ruth (1895), Walt Disney (1901), Anne Frank (1929), and Michael Jordan (1963). This event took place in the front of W. Reily Brown Elementary School. The children stood on one side of a table and the "museum" goers would push a button to have the "statue" come to life and give a report. This project taught the children everything from English to math to history and social studies. The children did an amazing job! Way to go 5th grade students of W. Reily Brown!



Mayor Rife and "Ronald Reagan" (Noah Sanchez)



## What's Going on With Wyoming Town Council



WYOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### WHAT DID YOU MISS

### WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT MONTH

- Chief Willey updated the audience on the minimal information we had about the park.
- Mayor Rife spoke about HB333.
- Mayor Rife updated council and audience about the camera'ing on Southern Blvd. catch basins.
- Treasurer Dixon stated that the Property Tax billing process has started. Tax bills will be going out by July 1st.
- Chief Willey informed council that Wyoming has been rated the 4th safest place to live in Delaware.
- Planning & Zoning, Sewer & Water, Police, and Building Inspector reports were all given.
- Mayor Rife updated everyone of the FEMA grant for the drainage project on S. Layton Ave. We will be contacting contractors for bids and getting the project started.
- A Peach Festival update was given by Secretary Stokes.

- Updates from all committees.
- Updates from the police department.
- Update about the park.
- Updates from the fire department.
- Updates from CWSWA.



### OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF

- No one was able to attend this month's DLLG meeting; however, HB333 was discussed. HB 333 would not allow for municipalities to add any other charges to Property Tax bill (i.e. Trash, Code Enforcement, Grass Mowing).
- Mayor Rife was part of and attended Rep. Blakey and Sen. Bushweller's Town Hall meeting on May 12th. Mayor Rife would like to thank Rep. Blakey and Sen. Bushweller for the invitation to join them.
- Mayor Rife and Nicole Armour attended the kick off meeting for the S. Layton Avenue drainage project that is going to be completed with funding from FEMA.

# FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR RIFE

June has arrived and with June comes summer. Another wonderful day that we celebrate in June is Father's Day. This Year Father's Day is June 15th. I would like to take this opportunity to say HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO MY FATHER AND ALL OTHER FATHERS ON THIS SPECIAL DAY. You work hard all year so today kick back and enjoy your day. I love you Dad.

I am sure everyone has heard about the incident we have had at the Wyoming Park. Seventeen geese were found dead on May --- 24th. DNREC was called and they are doing an investigation into the cause of death. The Park is closed and will remain closed until the cause of the death has been determined. An autopsy has been completed and we are waiting on the toxicologist's findings. As soon as the park can reopen it will be posted on the website.

I was honored to be invited to attend the American Legion in Ohio for their Memorial Day ceremony while my family and I were on vacation. It was a day to remember all the wonderful men and women that have given their lives so that you and I can be free. Young men and women continue to pay this high price even today and they do it for all of us that live in this great country. Please take a moment to say thank you to these heroes and their families as you see them. Some gave some and some gave ALL. Thank you for allowing me and my family to be free. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

Peach Festival is in full swing and over 60 vendors have been booked. If you are interested in helping please call the office for more information.

On these beautiful days and evenings while you are out walking around our beautiful town, please take a moment to really look at our amazing town,

These are just a few things that are happening in our peach of a town. Please come out and join us at a meeting or call if there is anything we can do for you.

As always thanks for your support. My door is always open and my phone is available to all the distinguished citizens of the Town Of Wyoming. If you have any questions, or concerns please call, or e-mail me with them.

Thank You
Dale Rife,
Mayor

The Best little Town in Delaware

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# WYOMING PD SUMMER SAFETY SERIES

We want everyone to have a safe and happy summer so for the next few months please visit this article to learn some safety tips for your little ones.

#### **POOL SAFETY**

- Keep children under active supervision at all times. Stay in arm's reach of young kids. Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool—never allow anyone to swim alone. Have young or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guardapproved life jacket.
- Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as "no diving," "stay away from drain covers," "swim with a buddy" and "walk please."
- Teach children water safety and swimming skills as early as possible.
- Keep a first aid kit at poolside
- OPOST CPR instructions and learn the procedures.
- Keep rescue equipment poolside. Don't wait for the paramedics to arrive because you will lose valuable lifesaving seconds. Four to six minutes without oxygen can cause permanent brain damage or death.
- Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. Never allow a young child in a pool without an adult.
- Don't leave objects such as toys that might attract a child in the pool and pool area.
- Don't think you'll hear a child who's in trouble in the water; child drowning is a silent death, with no splashing to alert anyone that the child is in trouble

Over 200 children drown every summer. Do not let your child become part of that statistic. Be alert and aware whether you are at home or the beach. If you are at the beach always pay attention to postings and warnings. Set up and swim near a lifeguard and never leave your child unattended in the water...not even to play along the shore.

Happy a safe summer!!!!



Sponsor: Mayor Frankie Dale Rife	
First Reading:	9/12/11
Second Reading:	10/3/11

#### **ORDINANCE #4-11**

## AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WYOMING PARK AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Town of Wyoming purchased on July 30, 1965, from Jacob M. Bennett and Fleta F. Bennett, his wife, a fee simple interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situated within the corporate limits of said Town of Wyoming, Kent County and State of Delaware, lying on the northerly side of West Third Street, on the westerly side of North Mechanic Street, and being bounded on the north by Wyoming Lake, containing 3.5 acres of land, be the same more or less, which deed is of record in the Recorder of Deeds Office, in and for Kent County, Dover, Delaware, in Deed Record Book Z, Volume 23, Page 401;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wyoming has since declared these lands to be used as a Town Park and is desirous to enact rules and regulations to govern the use, activity and welfare of said Town Park;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted an ordinance with various amendments regulating the park over the past few years, and the Town Council finds it necessary to consolidate the original ordinance and its amendments into one ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has repealed Ordinance #8-07 "An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Town of Wyoming Park and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof", Ordinance #28 of the Town of Wyoming Amendment No. 1, Ordinance #28 of the Town of Wyoming Amendment No. 2, and Ordinance #28 of the Town of Wyoming Amendment No. 3, in anticipation of enacting this ordinance.

**BE IT HEREBY ENACTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Wyoming, a majority thereof concurring in council duly met, that "Ordinance #4-11, An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Town of Wyoming Park and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof" be, and hereby is, enacted as follows to wit:

## AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WYOMING PARK AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

#### Section 1. Rules and Regulations of the Town of Wyoming Park.

(1) The Wyoming park shall at all times be free of charge, and no money shall be demanded by the Town Council in respect of any use or enjoyment of the preserve by any person whomsoever.

- (2) The Wyoming Town Park shall be open to the public every day during the year from sunrise to sunset or during such other hours as the Town Council may from time to time determine and post such notice in at least two conspicuous places in said Park.
- (3) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park the doing or abetting of any act or thing which may tend to the injury or disfigurement of the said Park or which may interfere with the use thereof by the public for the purposes of pleasure and recreation.
- (4) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park any camping, or the erection of placing of any booth, tent, shed, stand, post, rail, fence or other erection or obstruction of any kind whatsoever except by action of the Wyoming Town Council.
- (5) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park any fence, structure, shrub, or tree thereon, the posting or painting of any bill, placard, or notice, except by action of the Wyoming Town Council.
- (6) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park the cutting, plucking, injuring, or destroying of any tree, bush, or flower growing thereon, except as in the judgment of the Town Council shall be necessary for the construction of paths and roads through such park or for the general welfare and maintenance of said Park.
- (7) While within the Wyoming Town Park, all animal pets shall be restrained or confined, either by leash or cage, including all dogs, cats, birds, and reptiles. If any animal pet is deemed dangerous to the general public, even though restrained or confined, the owner shall remove said animal pet from the Wyoming Town Park.
- (8) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park the lighting of any fire, of the willful, careless, or negligent doing of any act which causes, or may be likely to cause, damage by fire to anything growing or being thereon, except by action of the Town Council.
- (9) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park the digging, cutting, or removal of any sod, earth, loam, sand, gravel, or other substance thereon or therefrom, except by action of the Town Council.
- (10) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park the willful, careless, or negligent deposit or leaving thereon, or on any part thereof, of any rubbish, bricks, timber, or other substance or material whatsoever, except by action of the Town Council.
- (11) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park, the careless or willful injury, defacement, or removal of any notice, or notice board, post, railing fence, or other thing which may from time to time be erected or placed thereon by or under the authority of the Wyoming Town Council.
- (12) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park, the painting, writing, cutting, carving, or in any manner inscribing of letters, figures, or mark, on, or otherwise disfiguring any rock or tree, or any wall or fence, or other structure or erection on the preserve.

- (13) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park, the parking of any motor vehicle or trailer except in officially designated parking areas laid out by the Town Council or except in the judgment of the Town Council shall be necessary for the general welfare and maintenance of said Park. Additionally, there shall not be permitted within the Wyoming Town Park the operation of any motor vehicle without the prior written consent of the Town Council. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "motor vehicle" includes but is not limited to any automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor scooter, moped, go-cart, or other self-propelled vehicle.
- (14) There shall not be permitted on the Wyoming Town Park, the selling of, possession of, the dispensing of, the giving away of, or the consuming of beverages with alcoholic content, or spirituous or intoxicating liquor. That no part of the premises shall be used or a permit issued for the use thereof by the Town Council for entertainment, recreational or social purposes if drinks with alcoholic content or spirituous or intoxicating liquors are to be used or consumed at such entertainment or recreational or social gathering.
- (15) There shall not be permitted any weapon of any form within the Wyoming Town Park, including but not limited to any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, martial arts weapon, BB gun, pellet gun, or sling-shot.
- (16) There shall not be permitted any harassment of any wildlife within the Wyoming Town Park. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "wildlife" includes but is not limited to any bird, waterfowl, squirrel, rabbit, or other indigenous animal, and the term "harassment" includes but is not limited to chasing, throwing objects at, or otherwise attempting to injure any wildlife.
- **Section 2.** Whoever shall violate any one or more of the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than (\$25.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each and every such separate offense or violation thereof. The Justice of the Peace Court shall have jurisdiction over violations of this ordinance.
- **Section 3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to feed the ducks, geese and/or fowl in and around the Town of Wyoming Park. Violation of this section shall result in that person being requested to vacate the Town of Wyoming Park and not being permitted to use the Town of Wyoming Park for a period of 24 hours immediately following the violation.

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